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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05/24/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yeo (US 2003/0088646).

Considering claims 1 and 8, Yeo discloses a first information processor (102 in figure 3) connected to a network (104 in figure 3) with another information processor (100 in figure 3) having a record medium (302 in figure 3) recorded with a video stream (movie—paragraph 0022, lines 1-4), the first information processor comprising: a command generator (308 in figure 3) operable to generate a command requesting (when a user sends a request, the command is inherently generated—paragraph 0023, lines 8-11 and paragraph 0038, lines 8-12) the another information processor to extract and produce a specified video frame (segments of a movie) of the video stream recorded in the record medium (paragraph 0020, lines 1-7 and paragraph 0022, lines 1-8), and to send the video frame after converting it into still image data (extracted

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temporal snapshots are sequence of images that inherently converted into still image data before transmission to client—paragraph 0020, lines 1-7); a command sender (312 in figure 3) operable to send the command to the another information processor (100 in figure 3) (paragraph 0025, lines 5-19); and an image data receiver (102 in figure 3) operable to receive the still image data (temporal snapshots) from the another information processor (paragraph 0025, lines 5-19).

As for claim 2, Yeo discloses that the first information processor (102 in figure 3) comprises a video frame specifier (308 in figure 3) operable to specify the specified video frame (system 308 selects from the presented segments of video source frames by responding to the user's request, i.e. 638 in figure 6b—paragraph 0025, lines 7-19 and paragraph 0028, lines 1-16), wherein the command (the request) includes information about the specified frame (the information of each frame that is specified by client control subsystem, 308 in figure 3, is inherently included within the request / command).

With regards to claim 3, Yeo discloses that the video frame specifier specifies one or plural video frames (figures 6a and 6b and paragraph 0029, lines 1-17).

Considering claims 9 and 15, Yeo discloses a first information processor (100 in figure 3) connected to a network (104 in figure 3) with another information processor (102 in figure 3), the first information processor comprising: a record medium (302 in

figure 3) in which a video stream is recorded (movie—paragraph 0022, lines 1-4), a command receiver (100 in figure 3) operable to receive a command from the another information processor (paragraph 0023, lines 8-15) requesting that a specified video frame (segments of a movie) of the video stream recorded in the record medium be extracted and generated (paragraph 0020, lines 1-7 and paragraph 0022, lines 1-8) and that the specified video frame be sent after converting it into still image data (extracted temporal snapshots are sequence of images that inherently converted into still image data before transmission to client—paragraph 0020, lines 1-7); a video frame extractor and generator (300 in figure 3) operable to extract and generate the specified video frame from the record medium (302 in figure 3) based on the command received by the command receiver (100 in figure 3) (paragraph 0022, lines 1-15); an image data converter (300 in figure 3) operable to obtain still image data from the specified video frame extracted and generated by the video frame extractor and generator (paragraph 0022, lines 1-15); and an image data sender (100 in figure 3) operable to send the still image data to the another information processor (paragraph 0023, lines 15-18).

As for claim 10, Yeo discloses that the first information processor (102 in figure 3) comprises a video frame specifier (308 in figure 3) operable to specify the specified video frame (system 308 selects from the presented frames by responding to the user's request, i.e. 638 in figure 6b—paragraph 0025, lines 7-19 and paragraph 0028, lines 1-16), wherein the command (the request) includes information about the

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specified frame (the information of each frame that is specified by client control subsystem, 308 in figure 3, is inherently included within the request / command).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4,5,11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo (US 2003/0088646) in view of Nakaya (US 5,585,856).

Considering claim 4, Yeo discloses a method of previewing and playing back source video frames (movies).

Yeo fails to disclose an image format specifier.

In analogous art, Nakaya discloses an image format specifier (5 in figure 3) operable to specify an image format of the still image data, wherein the command includes information about the image format (column 8, lines 23-28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Yeo's system to include an image format specifier, as taught by Nakaya, for the benefit of

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outputting a high quality image data without increasing the memory capacity (column 2, lines 6-14).

As for claim 11, it is met by the limitations of claim 4.

As for claim 5, Yeo discloses a method of previewing and playing back source video frames (movies).

Yeo fails to disclose an image size specifier.

In analogous art, Nakaya discloses an image size specifier (13 in figure 46) lines operable to specify a size of the still image, wherein the command includes information about the size of the still image (column 24, lines 35-42).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Yeo's system to include an image size specifier, as taught by Nakaya, for the benefit of obtaining a natural picture with little distortion in the image (column 10, lines 12-18).

As for claim 12, it is met by the limitations of claim 5.

5. Claims 6,7,13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo (US 2003/0088646) in view of Takeda (US 6,101,215).

With regards to claim 6, Yeo discloses a method of previewing and playing back source video frames (movies) transmitted to a user over a network. Yeo further discloses a high performance serial bus (paragraph 0017, lines 3-5) and that the network can be any type of network connection between server and client (paragraph 0037, lines 1-3).

Yeo fails to explicitly disclose that the network is an IEEE 1394 serial bus.

In analogous art, Takeda discloses that the network is an IEEE 1394 serial bus (101 in figure 4a and column 4, lines 51-53).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify, Yeo's system to include an IEEE 1394 serial bus as the network, as taught by Takeda, for the benefit of transferring digital video data within a specific delay time.

Regarding claim 13, it is met by the limitation of claim 6.

Considering claim 7, Takeda discloses output plug specification information (oPCR—902 in figure 13: for transmitting the specified processed data to the data reception processing apparatus—column 9, lines 55-59) operable to specify an output plug for outputting the still image data from the another information processor, wherein the command includes information about the output plug.

As for claim 14, it is met by the limitations of claim 7.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harun M. Yimam whose telephone number is 571-272-7260. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Grant can be reached on 571-272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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